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For: **METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR
IDENTIFYING RELATED NODES IN A
DIRECTED GRAPH HAVING NAMEDARCS**

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INTERVIEW AGENDA

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Dear Sir:

In response to the request for an interview agenda, the interview agenda for the above-identified U.S. patent application is as follows:

1. Discussion of the proposed new claim (see attached).
2. Discussion of prior art, specifically Conklin, U.S. Patent No. 6,415,283, and Sokol, U.S. Patent No. 6,405,211.
3. Discussion of the formal amendments regarding the objections to the circular references in the claims.

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PROPOSED NEW CLAIM

A method for identifying related RDF triples in a directed graph, comprising:

A. executing the sub-steps of

- (i) identifying as related RDF triples substantially matching a criteria;
- (ii) identifying as related RDF triples that are a direct ancestor of data identified in any of sub-steps in step A, and that is not in substantial conflict with the criteria;
- (iii) identifying as related RDF triples (hereinafter "identified descendent") that are a direct descendent of data (hereinafter "identified ancestor") identified as related in any of sub-steps in step A, and which identified descendent
 - (a) does not have a named relationship with the identified ancestor substantially matching a relationship named in the criteria, if any, and
 - (b) is not in substantial conflict with the criteria;
 - (c) does not have a named relationship with the identified ancestor matching a relationship the identified ancestor has with a data, if any, as a result of which the identified ancestor was identified during execution of sub-step (ii),

B. generating an indication of RDF triples identified as related in step (A).